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Speakers

January 17, 2024

[Tiffany Fajardo, BSO Patron Experience and Community Engagement \(PEACE\) Manager](#)

"An Orchestra for the Community of Berkeley"

January 24, 2024

[Mayor Jesse Areguin, City of Berkeley](#)

"The State of the City"

January 31, 2024

[Manoji Joshi, M.S., M.B.A., Yogacarya](#)

"Applied Yoga and Mindfulness for Total Health"

February 07, 2024

TBA
TBA

February 14, 2024

TBA
TBA

Events

January 17th
[Meetings of the Boards \(Club and Endowment\) via Zoom](#)

January 24th
[Civil Discourse Meeting via Zoom](#)

January 24th
[Social Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

February 6th
[Membership Committee Meeting via Zoom](#)

Birthdays

Steven Beckendorf
January 17th
Austin Henderson
January 25th
Jeffrey L. Hunt
February 2nd
Peter D. Campbell
February 9th
Katy Marie Young
February 14th

Club Announcements



Next Meeting. January 17, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM, at First Pres and on Zoom: Tiffany Fajardo, Patron Experience and Community Engagement (PEACE) Manager for the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra (BSO), presents "**An Orchestra for the Community of Berkeley.**"

Berkeley Symphony's lush, colorful history began in 1971 as the Berkeley Promenade Orchestra with a group of enthusiastic musicians who wanted to provide the eccentric and adventurous community of Berkeley with an orchestra that met the desire for new, thought-provoking, and innovative music. Now in their 53rd

season, BSO continues that legacy through the presentation of powerful works by living composers that provide a fresh soundtrack to our current era, community ticket programs designed to welcome new audiences and engage those who may have felt excluded from the art form, and elevated Music in the Schools (MITS) initiatives to bridge the gaps in the student musician pipeline and prepare the stage for the next generation of orchestral musicians.

Join Tiffany Fajardo for a dive into Berkeley Symphony's roots, programs, and visions of what orchestral music in our community can truly be. The speaker is provided by Team #2, the Strawberry Creek Team; Fred Tabsharani, Captain.

New Presidential Theme. On January 8, Rotary President-elect Stephanie Urchick revealed the 2024-2025 presidential theme, **The Magic of Rotary.** "We are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand. It's up to you," she said. "You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member." Learn more: on.rotary.org/48Owrs9



Next Thirsty Thursday at Your Place?

Several Berkeley Rotarians enjoyed tasty snacks, beverages, and good conversation at the Marcus's (Arlene and Maury's) home last Thursday. Generally held on the second Thursday of the month, 5-7 PM, Thirsty Thursdays replace Third Thursdays, which have been very popular for the past few years. The event is hosted on a volunteer basis, so please let Libby know if you can host a future one. The Collignons will host the February 8 Thirsty Thursday, but

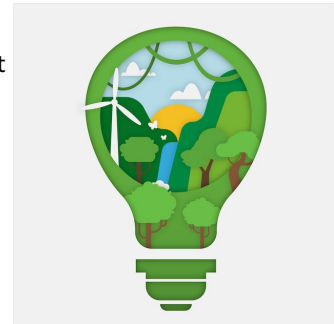


the rest of the year is wide open!

There's Gold in Them Thar Hills! Federal Incentives to Reduce Our Carbon Emissions

By Steven Beckendorf

Our speaker on January 10 was Ellen Siegal, the President of Woodstork Wisdom, Inc, suggested by Nicky Lindquist of the Peregrine Team. For the past eight years, Siegal has created and taught an ongoing course called Climate Conversations 101 for the University of Miami's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Her firm trains presenters on climate change, developing curriculum to incorporate science, social science, communication skills, and presentation skills. Her goal is to amplify the climate conversation in the public.



Siegal gave us an overview of federal incentives to dial back, even reduce, our collective carbon emissions. This is urgent and timely information; 2023 was the hottest year on record, likely the hottest in the last 100,000 years. Unfortunately, responses to the climate emergency have been insufficient to deal with it. In particular, it's been difficult for individuals to see how they could have an effect on such a massive problem.

Now the government has passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which allocates large-scale credits and deductions to fight climate change. This changes the game. Available funds total \$369 billion!

Siegal told us how to access credits and rebates that are designed to encourage renewable energy, electrification of gas and oil appliances, and weatherizing homes to reduce leakage of heat and cold, saving money and using less electricity.

A Festive TGIF with BARSHEEP

The San Pablo Rotary Club is inviting us all to the January TGIF at a new (to us) venue: El Agave Azul, on San Pablo Avenue in Richmond. (The flyer says San Pablo, the website says Richmond.) Come out to 12955 San Pablo Avenue on Friday, January 26, from 5 to 7 pm. Note: They serve tequila flights (among other things), if you're interested in tasting.

— San Pablo Rotary —

El Agave Azul

Two colorful sugar skulls (Día de los Muertos) surrounded by flowers. The skulls are decorated with intricate patterns and colors like blue, green, yellow, and orange. They are set against a background of various flowers in similar colors.

TGIF

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024, 5 pm till 7 pm
12955 SAN PABLO AVENUE, SAN PABLO